

2018 Young Alumnus Award

Joshua L. Malecki, PhD

BS – Biochemistry and Molecular Biology 2001 Pennsylvania State University MHA – Health Policy Administration 2005 Pennsylvania State University PhD – Health Administration 2014 D'Youville College

Josh was a long time resident of the Greater Binghamton Area growing up outside Binghamton and attending the Johnson City School district. He was an early enrollee at Penn State in May 1998 when he started his path to being a proud Penn Stater. During his time as a student at Penn State; academically he was named three successive years as a member of the Academic All-Big Ten Team. He was a four year starter for the Penn State Men's gymnastics team competing on Pommel Horse, Still Rings and Parallel Bars. He helped anchor the team as they won the 2000 NCAA Men's Gymnastic National Championship.

Following receiving his BS in Biochemistry and Molecular Biology he accepted a position as a Lab Administrator in the Center for Gene Regulation at Penn State and also as an assistant coach for the Men's Gymnastics Team.

He later opted for a change in career path and obtained a Master of Health Administration from Penn State. He was awarded a fellowship by the US Office of Veterans Affairs to study and work on the planning and implementation of Health Care improvement processes. Upon being awarded his master's degree he accepted a position as assistant to the Chief Executive Officer at the Western New York Veterans Affairs Office.

Simultaneous to working at the VA Josh continued his academic pursuits by obtaining a PhD in Health Administration from D'Youville College in Buffalo. His published thesis work was "The effect of implementing a population based abdominal aortic aneurysm screening program on surgical outcomes at a single Veterans Affairs medical center"

Josh is a truly dedicated Alumnus serving Penn State and helping the current and future Penn State students in many ways. Prominent among them are:

- Being appointed and serving two multi year terms as a founding member of the Penn State Master of Health Administration's Board of Visitors
- Returning to University Park periodically to participate in seminars and mentor students in both the undergraduate and graduate health administration programs.

Josh presently also continues to demonstrate his love for academic pursuits and instructing and mentoring undergraduate and graduate students by holding multiple faculty instructional positions as:

- Research Assistant Professor at the University of Buffalo Department of Epidemiology and Environmental Health
- Professor at University of Maryland Health Administration Graduate School
- Adjunct Professor at Bryant & Stratton College, Amherst

Josh and his wife Megan enjoy supporting all things Penn State. Josh is a life member of the Penn State Alumni Association and they are family members of our Greater Binghamton Chapter. They reside with their son Lucas in Snyder, NY.

Thank you Josh Malecki for all you do. We proudly award you the Greater Binghamton Chapter Penn State Alumni Association's 2018 Young Alumnus Award.